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FRANSEEN et al.

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For: "IMPROVED EDGEWISE

ORTHODONTIC BRACKET"

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to substantively examining the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 15 and 17 as follows:

(Once Amended) An edgewise orthodontic bracket 1. comprising:

gingival and occlusal tie wings defining a labially opening archwire slot therebetween, each of the gingival and occlusal tie wings having a mesial//di/stal extent; and,

a first set of gingival and occlusal ligating support means, the gingival ligating support means being disposed within the mesial/distal/ extent of said gingival tie wing